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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5430

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5430 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems
5 Act is amended by changing Section 3.50 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 50/3.50)

7 Sec. 3.50. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Licensure.

8 (a) "Emergency Medical Technician-Basic" or "EMT-B" means
9 a person who has successfully completed a course of instruction
10 in basic life support as prescribed by the Department, is
11 currently licensed by the Department in accordance with
12 standards prescribed by this Act and rules adopted by the
13 Department pursuant to this Act, and practices within an EMS
14 System.

15 (b) "Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate" or "EMT-I"
16 means a person who has successfully completed a course of

1 instruction in intermediate life support as prescribed by the
2 Department, is currently licensed by the Department in
3 accordance with standards prescribed by this Act and rules
4 adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act, and practices
5 within an Intermediate or Advanced Life Support EMS System.

6 (c) "Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic" or "EMT-P"
7 means a person who has successfully completed a course of
8 instruction in advanced life support care as prescribed by the
9 Department, is licensed by the Department in accordance with
10 standards prescribed by this Act and rules adopted by the
11 Department pursuant to this Act, and practices within an
12 Advanced Life Support EMS System.

13 (d) The Department shall have the authority and
14 responsibility to:

15 (1) Prescribe education and training requirements,
16 which includes training in the use of epinephrine, for all
17 levels of EMT, based on the respective national curricula
18 of the United States Department of Transportation and any
19 modifications to such curricula specified by the
20 Department through rules adopted pursuant to this Act.

21 (2) Prescribe licensure testing requirements for all
22 levels of EMT, which shall include a requirement that all
23 phases of instruction, training, and field experience be
24 completed before taking the EMT licensure examination.
25 Candidates may elect to take the National Registry of
26 Emergency Medical Technicians examination in lieu of the

1 Department's examination, but are responsible for making
2 their own arrangements for taking the National Registry
3 examination.

4 (2.5) Review applications for EMT licensure from
5 honorably discharged members of the armed forces of the
6 United States with military emergency medical training.
7 Applications shall be filed with the Department within one
8 year after military discharge and shall contain: (i) proof
9 of successful completion of military emergency medical
10 training; (ii) a detailed description of the emergency
11 medical curriculum completed; and (iii) a detailed
12 description of the applicant's clinical experience. The
13 Department may request additional and clarifying
14 information. The Department shall evaluate the
15 application, including the applicant's training and
16 experience, consistent with the standards set forth under
17 subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d) of Section 3.10. If the
18 application clearly demonstrates that the training and
19 experience meets such standards, the Department shall
20 offer the applicant the opportunity to successfully
21 complete a Department-approved EMT examination for which
22 the applicant is qualified. Upon passage of an examination,
23 the Department shall issue a license, which shall be
24 subject to all provisions of this Act that are otherwise
25 applicable to the class of EMT license issued.

26 (3) License individuals as an EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P

1 who have met the Department's education, training and
2 testing requirements.

3 (4) Prescribe annual continuing education and
4 relicensure requirements for all levels of EMT.

5 (5) Relicense individuals as an EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P
6 every 4 years, based on their compliance with continuing
7 education and relicensure requirements. An Illinois
8 licensed Emergency Medical Technician whose license has
9 been expired for less than 96 months may apply for
10 reinstatement by the Department. Reinstatement shall
11 require that the applicant (i) submit satisfactory proof of
12 completion of continuing medical education and clinical
13 requirements to be prescribed by the Department in an
14 administrative rule; (ii) submit a positive recommendation
15 from an Illinois EMS Medical Director attesting to the
16 applicant's qualifications for retesting; and (iii) pass a
17 Department approved test for the level of EMT license
18 sought to be reinstated.

19 (6) Grant inactive status to any EMT who qualifies,
20 based on standards and procedures established by the
21 Department in rules adopted pursuant to this Act.

22 (7) Charge each candidate for EMT a fee to be submitted
23 with an application for a licensure examination.

24 (8) Suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew the license of
25 an EMT, after an opportunity for a hearing, when findings
26 show one or more of the following:

1 (A) The EMT has not met continuing education or
2 relicensure requirements as prescribed by the
3 Department;

4 (B) The EMT has failed to maintain proficiency in
5 the level of skills for which he or she is licensed;

6 (C) The EMT, during the provision of medical
7 services, engaged in dishonorable, unethical or
8 unprofessional conduct of a character likely to
9 deceive, defraud or harm the public;

10 (D) The EMT has failed to maintain or has violated
11 standards of performance and conduct as prescribed by
12 the Department in rules adopted pursuant to this Act or
13 his or her EMS System's Program Plan;

14 (E) The EMT is physically impaired to the extent
15 that he or she cannot physically perform the skills and
16 functions for which he or she is licensed, as verified
17 by a physician, unless the person is on inactive status
18 pursuant to Department regulations;

19 (F) The EMT is mentally impaired to the extent that
20 he or she cannot exercise the appropriate judgment,
21 skill and safety for performing the functions for which
22 he or she is licensed, as verified by a physician,
23 unless the person is on inactive status pursuant to
24 Department regulations; or

25 (G) The EMT has violated this Act or any rule
26 adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act.

1 The education requirements prescribed by the Department
2 under this subsection must allow for the suspension of those
3 requirements in the case of a member of the armed services or
4 reserve forces of the United States or a member of the Illinois
5 National Guard who is on active duty pursuant to an executive
6 order of the President of the United States, an act of the
7 Congress of the United States, or an order of the Governor at
8 the time that the member would otherwise be required to fulfill
9 a particular education requirement. Such a person must fulfill
10 the education requirement within 6 months after his or her
11 release from active duty.

12 (e) In the event that any rule of the Department or an EMS
13 Medical Director that requires testing for drug use as a
14 condition for EMT licensure conflicts with or duplicates a
15 provision of a collective bargaining agreement that requires
16 testing for drug use, that rule shall not apply to any person
17 covered by the collective bargaining agreement.

18 (Source: P.A. 96-540, eff. 8-17-09.)

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
20 becoming law.".